

LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, 2B)

West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference call at (561) 682-6700

Meet-me number (866) 433-6299 - Meeting ID #3615

Friday December 11, 2009

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates
 - a) Meeting began at 09:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
 - a) Committee Members
 1. Janet Llewellyn, Chair, DEP (Teleconference)
 2. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair, SFWMD
 3. Eric Hughes, USEPA
 4. Evan Skornick, Alternate DERM (Teleconference)
 5. Leah Oberlin, Alternate USACE
 6. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
 7. Howard Hayes, BMMR (Alternate DEP - Teleconference)
 - b) Other meeting attendees
 1. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
 2. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
 3. Tom MacVicar, MFL
 4. Susan Brown, SFWMD
 5. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
 6. Jeff Needle, SFWMD
 7. Jonathan Taylor, Everglades National Park
 8. Michelle Quigley, SFWMD
 9. Raymond Sciortino, SFWMD Contractor
 10. Steve Coughlin, SFWMD
 11. Olga Serrano, SFWMD

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Tom Lodge, MDLPA
2. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer

3. Review and Approve minutes from 09/18/09 meeting – Terrie Bates

Minutes were reviewed with no corrections. Motion to pass the minutes as prepared, was approved.

4. Review Data for Phase I of the Seepage Mitigation Project – Tom MacVicar

Tom indicated that he is still in the process of organizing data collected from the Seepage Mitigation Project and will present his findings at the next LBMC meeting. **Action 1** – Tom MacVicar will provide the committee with seepage data at the February 26, 2010 meeting.

5. Cost estimates for the Pennsuco Restoration Project – Marjorie Moore

Marjorie presented an updated evaluation of mitigation costs for the restoration and long-term management of the Pennsuco. The cost for the restoration and long term management remains at \$1,630.00/acre. **Motion** - Leah Oberlin made a motion, second by Eric Hughes, to treat 1,708 acres of Cemex (Rinker) property in the Pennsuco for a total cost of \$2,784,040. This restoration project was unanimously approved by the committee.

6. Cost estimates for Phase 2 of 8.5 SMA Project Update – Marjorie Moore

Marjorie presented a background summary of Phase 1, 2 & 3 for a mitigation project within the 8.5 Square Mile Area (SMA). Marjorie re-introduced Raymond Sciortino who is working on the engineering design and cost estimates. Considerable discussion was held concerning the storage site for soils removed from the restoration area. Due to conflicts with Miami-Dade County regulations regarding filling in the 8.5 SMA, District staff presented a potential option for soil disposal/storage adjacent to the eastern levee. This option would entail some wetland impact. The Committee did not support pursuit of this option, but instead requested the District to continue working with the County for a variance or special exception to authorize soil disposal/storage at the originally identified location. The Committee

acknowledged that the construction schedule for the restoration project will be delayed while the spoil disposal / storage issue is resolved.

Marjorie discussed in detail the schedule for restoration and management costs for Phase 2 of the project. The estimated amount is similar to the Phase 1 costs already funded by the Committee. The actual costs for Phases 1 and 2 will be reviewed when Phase 3 of the project is considered by the Committee in the future. **Motion** - Leah Oberlin presented a motion, seconded by Eric Hughes, to provide funding for restoration of 199.25 acres at \$20,424/acre. The total cost for Phase 2 is \$4,069,482. However, this funding amount is subject to further cost analysis based upon hauling requirements for the original Phase 1 storage site south of Richmond Avenue. . **Action 2** – Marjorie Moore/ Raymond Sciortino will provide the committee with updated cost estimates, which includes hauling costs to the original Phase 1 storage site south of Richmond Avenue.

7. Annual Report – Jeff Rosenfeld, USACE

Jeff discussed the preparation schedule of the Committee’s Annual Report. Jeff indicated the report should be in draft format by the second week of February and can be distributed prior to the February meeting. **Action 3** – Jeff Rosenfeld and Lee Chitty will prepare the draft annual report for discussion at the February 26, 2010 meeting.

8. Public comment – None.

9. Next Meeting Dates

Friday, February 26, 2010, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

10. Meeting Adjourned

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